

# Pak troops kill 15 Taliban militants in tribal area

Suicide bomber kills 10, militants attack Nato supply trucks

AFP, AP, Khar

Pakistani jets and artillery killed 15 militants linked to the Taliban and al-Qaeda in a tribal area near the Afghan border while a suicide bomber killed 10 people in Swat Valley yesterday.

A suicide bomber killed 10 people and wounded 40 others at a military checkpoint in the region's Swat Valley, police said.

The bomber detonated his car while queuing up at the checkpoint, a military officer at the Swat media centre said on customary condition of anonymity.

Two passenger vehicles received the major thrust of the explosion and were badly smashed up," he said.

Police officer Dilwar Bangash said eight people were killed and 40 wounded. The identities of the dead were not known.

Militants in northwestern Pakistan attacked trucks ferrying supplies to Nato and US forces in Afghanistan yesterday, killing two people and destroying a dozen vehicles, witnesses and police said.

The spasm of violence comes amid a spike in tensions between Pakistan and rival India over last week's terror attacks in Mumbai, which New Delhi has blamed on Pakistani militants.

The clashes took place in several areas of the Bajaur tribal region where troops have been engaged in fierce fighting with rebels since the launch of an army operation in August.

"Pakistani artillery backed by tanks and fighter jets pounded underground bunkers and other hideouts of rebels, killing 15 militants during the last 24 hours," local administration official, Mohammad Jamil told AFP.

He said that six militants were killed and three others wounded in artillery fire on Monday in the Nawagai area while nine rebels were killed after fighter jets bombed their hideouts in Mamoun on Sunday.



Pakistani men (L) look at the wreckage of burned-out vehicles at a Nato supply camp in Peshawar yesterday. Taliban militants destroyed a dozen trucks in the Pakistani city of Peshawar containing supplies for Nato troops in Afghanistan, killing two people in the process.

# Karachi riots toll rises to 35

AFP, Karachi

Thirty-five people have been killed and over 200 injured in two days of clashes blamed on activists from rival political parties in Pakistan's largest city Karachi, officials said yesterday.

Figures provided by three Karachi hospitals showed 35 people had been killed and 268 injured since rioting began Saturday.

"We have received 15 bodies and 40 injured -- most of them sustaining bullet wounds -- since Saturday," said Dr Kaleem Shaikh at Karachi's Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre.

# Israel blocks Libyan aid boat

AFP, Gaza City

Israeli warships on Monday prevented a Libyan cargo vessel from reaching the Gaza Strip, the impoverished Palestinian territory under a crippling Israeli blockade.

The ship, laden with 3,000 tonnes of goods, was stopped several kilometres (miles) off Gaza's shores and ordered to return to the Egyptian port of El-Arish, said Palestinian MP

Jamal Khodary, who heads an international campaign against the Israeli sanctions.

"Navy ships approached the Libyan boat and ordered it on the radio to turn back, and so it did," Israeli foreign ministry spokesman Yigal Palmor said.

"Anyone wishing to transfer humanitarian aid into Gaza is welcome to do it in coordination with Israel and through the regular crossings. They can also contact Egypt."

Israel sealed off its crossings with Gaza -- the impoverished territory's main gateway for food and humanitarian aid -- as well as its maritime borders after the Islamist movement Hamas violently seized power there in June 2007.

The sanctions were again tightened in recent weeks amid renewed tensions and tit-for-tat exchanges of fire that threatened to destroy an Egyptian-brokered June 19 ceasefire.

# Taliban kill Afghan district governor

Suicide bomber kills 10 Afghans in market

AFP, AP, Ghazni/Kandahar

An Afghan district governor was shot dead Monday by two men on a motorcycle while a suicide bomber killed 10 Afghans in a crowded market in southern Afghanistan.

Insurgent Taliban movement claimed the killing of Afghan district governor, a government official said.

The governor of the volatile Andar district in the province of Ghazni, south of Kabul, was killed as he left his home, provincial government spokesman Ismail Jahangir told AFP.

"Abdul Rahim Desiwal was moving to Ghazni town ... when he was attacked by two motorcycle riders and he was martyred and his guard was wounded," he said. "This is the Taliban's work."

A spokesman for the Taliban confirmed the militia had carried out the assassination.

"Our men killed Abdul Rahim Desiwal when he left his house," Zabihullah

Mujahed said.

The Taliban, in government between 1996 and 2001, are waging an insurgency that has seen dozens of officials assassinated.

Meanwhile a suicide bomber apparently trying to target Afghan police detonated his explosives in a crowded market in southern Afghanistan on Monday, killing eight civilians and two policemen, an official said.

The attack in the central market in Musa Qala in Afghanistan's dangerous Helmand province also wounded 25 civilians and two police, said Helmand police chief Asadullah Sherzad. Six children were among the wounded.

Taliban and other militant suicide bombers frequently target Afghan and international military forces in their suicide attacks, but many more Afghan civilians typically die in the attacks than do government officials or military personnel.

# Attacks against security forces in Iraq kill 33

AFP, Baghdad

At least 33 people were killed in a spate of attacks targeting security forces in the heart of Baghdad and the northern city of Mosul yesterday, the deadliest day in the country in three weeks.

In the capital, 15 people

were killed and dozens wounded -- including young police recruits and civilians -- when a suicide bomber and a car bomb exploded in quick succession near the Iraqi police academy, the interior ministry said.

Just a few hours later, another 15 people were killed

and 30 wounded in a suicide car bombing against a joint US-Iraqi patrol in the centre of Mosul, police said.

The bloodshed came as official Iraqi ministry figures showed that violence across the nation had climbed in November with 340 Iraqis killed.

# Thai protesters leave PM's office for airports

AP, Bangkok

Anti-government protesters camped at Thailand's government seat were shifting tactics to join colleagues at Bangkok's besieged airports Monday as the politically paralysed country struggled with more than 300,000 stranded travellers.

A leader of the People's Alliance for Democracy said demonstrators will end their more than three-month sit-in at the prime minister's office compound and move to both Bangkok airports, which they seized last week in their push

to oust the government, severing all civilian flights in or out of the capital.

Airlines were meanwhile flying dozens of empty planes out of Bangkok's main international airport.

Some 30 planes had been flown out starting Sunday and an additional 50 were to be moved later Monday, some of them to protest-free airports elsewhere in Thailand so that stranded travellers can fly out of the country, said Serirat Prasutanont, director of the Airports Authority of Thailand.

Thailand's political crisis escalated Sunday when some 10,000 pro-government activists converged on Bangkok to counter rival protesters who have forced the prime minister to run the country from outside the capital.

Explosions Sunday targeting the anti-government protesters injured at least 51 people, officials said, with blasts hitting the prime minister's compound and a road near the occupied domestic airport. No one claimed responsibility for Sunday's blasts, but the alliance blamed the government.



People walk on a flooded quay of the Grand Canal of Venice yesterday. Venice suffered its worst flooding in 22 years as the "acqua alta" (high water) stood more than 1.56 metres high before beginning to recede in the Renaissance city.

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